

First as a state senator, and then later as a U.S. Congressman, Mr. Latta was a true public servant, a trait he passed on to his son, and my friend, BOB.

I offer my prayers and condolences to BOB, and to his family, and I thank his father for spending his dash in service to our state and our country.

#### EDINA GIRLS GOLF TEAM ARE CHAMPS

#### HON. ERIK PAULSEN

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 7, 2016*

Mr. PAULSEN. Mr. Speaker, congratulations to the Edina High School Girls Golf Team for winning the Minnesota State High School Championship.

Not only did the Hornets win, but they won big by defeating the closest team by 36 strokes. They were led by Hannah Hankinson who shot a 149 over the two rounds and tied for second. Edina's talent did not stop there, however. Christine Portillo and Grace Kellar tied for fourth place with 150, Katie Engelking finished ninth with a score of 153 and Isabelle Ouyang got tenth with a score of 155. The combination of all of these talented players could not be beat. This is the second consecutive victory for Coach Mark Harelstad and tenth state title in team history.

Mr. Speaker, it is also important to point out that these student athletes must effectively manage their time in order to excel on the course and in the classroom. It is commendable that they are able to perform on such a high level in both areas.

Golf is a game that requires incredible patience and dedication in order to achieve success. And there is no doubt the Edina High School Girls Golf Team showed both this season. Congratulations and go Hornets.

#### TRIBUTE TO PINELLAS COUNTY HOUSING AUTHORITY

#### HON. DAVID W. JOLLY

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 7, 2016*

Mr. JOLLY. Mr. Speaker, I want to recognize the Pinellas County Housing Authority (PCHA) for continuing to help our veterans.

The PCHA was formed in 1965 as an independent agency. They provide more than eight thousand people housing and rental assistance when they are most in need. Their current focus has been on veterans, ensuring that this important section of our community receives appropriate housing through the HUD-Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing program.

The PCHA has a "veteran's preference" for veterans who are on the waiting list for regular vouchers which has helped them find homes for 63 local homeless veterans in partnership with the C.W. Bill Young VA Medical Center.

Mr. Speaker, I want to thank the PCHA for their help and efforts to ensure veterans who offered their lives in service of our country can fully enjoy the homes that they truly deserve. I ask that this body join me in recognizing their efforts and accomplishments of the PCHA in serving homeless veterans in Pinellas County.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE WORTHINGTON KILBOURNE HIGH SCHOOL BOYS LACROSSE TEAM

#### HON. PATRICK J. TIBERI

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 7, 2016*

Mr. TIBERI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Worthington Kilbourne High School for winning the Division II Ohio High School Boys Lacrosse State Championship.

An achievement such as this certainly deserves recognition. The Ohio High School Athletic Association has enabled talented teams and individuals to earn state titles since its founding in 1907. Throughout this time, the champions of OHSAA state level competitions have represented the highest achieving and most talented athletes in Ohio. Each year these elite competitors join the ranks of those who embody Ohio's proud history of athletic success.

Worthington Kilbourne's victory caps a tremendous season. This sort of achievement is earned only through many hours of practice, perspiration and hard work. They have set a new standard for future athletes to reach. Everyone at Worthington Kilbourne High School can be extremely proud of their performance.

On behalf of the citizens of Ohio's 12th Congressional District, I congratulate the Worthington Kilbourne High School Boys Lacrosse Team on their state championship. I wish their team continued success in their future athletic endeavors.

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

#### HON. SUSAN A. DAVIS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 7, 2016*

Mrs. DAVIS of California. Mr. Speaker, had I been present for votes on July 5, 2016, I would have voted the following way:

No on the Motion on Ordering the Previous Question on H. Res. 796.

No on H. Res. 796.

No on the Motion on Ordering the Previous Question on H. Res. 793.

No on H. Res. 793.

Yes on H.R. 4854.

Yes on H.R. 4855.

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

#### HON. ROBERT HURT

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 7, 2016*

Mr. HURT of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, I was not present for Roll Call vote Number 372 on the Blackburn of Tennessee Amendment No. 21 to H.R. 5485, Financial Services and General Government Appropriations Act, 2017. Had I been present, I would have voted "yes."

COMMEMORATING THE ACHIEVEMENTS OF PRESIDENT J. DAVID ARNOLD

#### HON. DARIN LAHOOD

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 7, 2016*

Mr. LAHOOD. Mr. Speaker, I would like to honor President J. David Arnold for his service to the state of Illinois, as well as to his students and staff during his tenure as President of Eureka College.

Dr. Arnold has served as the President of Eureka College for eleven years. His dedication to the school's vision, "An intentional sequence of learning, service, and leadership," has inspired each one of his 1,676 graduating students to achieve their academic dreams.

Always eager to facilitate educational discussions, Dr. Arnold created the Reagan Forward initiative and the Ronald W. Reagan Society, which celebrates the legacy of President Ronald Reagan, a graduate of Eureka College, and encourages his vision of American opportunity. Dr. Arnold also created over thirty endowed scholarships to reward students for their hard work and dedication to their studies.

The Growth and Integrity strategic plan that Dr. Arnold established achieved record enrollment in 2010, maintained a balanced budget with consistent low tuition costs, and raised a record level of \$7.3 million in 2014, the largest amount raised in the college's history. Dr. Arnold worked in conjunction with the community to complete his \$30 million project to construct buildings on campus including Ivy Resident Hall, Christine Bonati Bollwinkle Arena, and Convocation Center for current and future students to enjoy.

As a result of Dr. Arnold's contributions to Eureka College and the community, he has been appointed Chancellor of the institution, where he will continue to develop new strategic initiatives and implement a leadership institute.

I would like to acknowledge Dr. Arnold's remarkable tenure as President of Eureka College. Dr. Arnold's commitment to educating the next generation of leaders generated some of the most successful years in Eureka College's storied history. Dr. Arnold has set an outstanding example for educators around our nation, and I am proud to represent both him and Eureka College.

#### TRIBUTE TO CLEARWATER AQUARIUM

#### HON. DAVID W. JOLLY

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 7, 2016*

Mr. JOLLY. Mr. Speaker, I want to recognize the Clearwater Aquarium for their new sea turtle habitat.

Recently, the Clearwater Aquarium opened a new habitat designed for sea turtles. These animals are native to our community, but they are endangered animals and must be protected. The Clearwater Aquarium has one of the few sea turtle habitats in the world occupied solely by rescued turtles. Its residents are not able to be released back into the wild due to poor health or as a result of injuries they have sustained.

The habitat is a large, spacious area that gives the turtles plenty of room to maneuver and not be confined to one area.

Mr. Speaker, I want to thank the Clearwater Aquarium for their new exhibit that provides needed protection and a better way of life for these endangered creatures. I ask that this body join me in thanking the Clearwater Aquarium for their efforts.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE 25TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE SUPERIOR TOWNSHIP CHAPTER OF THE SOUTHEAST MICHIGAN LAND CONSERVANCY

**HON. DEBBIE DINGELL**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 7, 2016*

Mrs. DINGELL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 25th anniversary of the Superior Township Chapter of the Southeast Michigan Land Conservancy.

The Superior Township Chapter (STC) of the Southeast Michigan Land Conservancy (SMLC) has protected and preserved the natural habitats of Superior Township for the last 25 years. Starting with humble origins as a committee of the Southeast Michigan Land Conservancy, this group of active citizens formed to protect what was deemed the "last frontier" between Ann Arbor and Detroit in order to maintain the rural character and natural ecosystems of Superior Township. Since 1991, the STC has been steadfast in its dedication to protecting this land, fostering a healthy environment, and engaging and educating the public about the need for conservation.

Started after a class lecture at Henry Ford Community College, Bill Secrest and Jack Smiley began organizing interested citizens with the goal of advancing environmental preservation. From the start of this project with the generous donation of thirty acres to establish the Springhill Nature Preserve, the STC has continued to grow and has not looked back. The STC now protects over twenty four hundred acres in our community, safeguarding this precious natural habitat and resources for future generations. Today the STC operates twelve nature preserves which are all open to the public and the new Superior Greenway Nature Trail, which is a project that leads the way in environmental maintenance, preservation, and education. The STC has implemented a long term plan for the nature preserves which will ensure that future generations will be able to enjoy them. Our natural resources are invaluable and must continue to be cherished and protected. The Superior Township Chapter has worked tirelessly with local stakeholders to ensure environmental harmony and preservation in Superior Township and beyond, and for that we owe them a great deal of gratitude.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing the 25th anniversary of the Superior Township Chapter of the Southeast Michigan Land Conservancy. We look forward to their next twenty five years of success and beyond.

IN RECOGNITION OF ANDREW JORDAN

**HON. PATRICK J. TIBERI**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 7, 2016*

Mr. TIBERI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Andrew Jordan of Watkins Memorial High School for winning the Boys 3,200 Meter Run at the Division I Ohio High School Track and Field State Championship as well as the Boys 1,600 Meter Run during the Midwest Meet of Champions.

Since 1907, the Ohio High School Athletic Association has enabled talented teams and individuals to earn state titles. Throughout this time, the champions of OHSA state level competitions have represented the highest achieving and most talented athletes in Ohio. The young student athletes who emerge victorious then have the privilege to compete against fellow champions from the states of Indiana and Michigan in the Midwest Meet of Champions.

Andrew's victories cap a tremendous season. This sort of achievement is earned only through many hours of practice, perspiration and hard work. He has set a new standard for future athletes to reach. Everyone at Watkins Memorial High School can be extremely proud of his performance.

On behalf of the citizens of Ohio's 12th Congressional District, I congratulate Andrew Jordan on his State and Midwestern regional championships. I wish him continued success in both his athletic and academic endeavors.

OUR UNCONSCIONABLE NATIONAL DEBT

**HON. MIKE COFFMAN**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 7, 2016*

Mr. COFFMAN. Mr. Speaker, on January 20, 2009, the day President Obama took office, the national debt was \$10,626,877,048,913.08.

Today, it is \$19,327,746,021,669.98. We've added \$8,700,868,972,756.90 to our debt in 7 years. This is over \$8.7 trillion in debt our nation, our economy, and our children could have avoided with a balanced budget amendment.

HONORING THE LIFE OF CALVIN FREDERICK "FRED" DAVIS

**HON. TRENT KELLY**

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 7, 2016*

Mr. KELLY of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the life of Calvin Fredrick "Fred" Davis of Tupelo, Mississippi. Mr. Davis was a committed husband and family man, a remarkable athlete and coach, and a pillar of the Tupelo community. For 52 years, he was married to Councilwoman Nettie Davis, and together they worked tirelessly to improve their beloved hometown of Tupelo.

When reflecting on Mr. Davis's life, his love of family, sports, and community immediately

come to mind. In high school and college, he was a sports hero excelling in football, basketball, baseball, and track. He received an athletic scholarship to attend Alcorn State University and later became the university's first African-American physical education teacher. As Mr. Davis continued his legacy in education and athletics, he became the first African-American coach in the Tupelo Public School District. He is affectionately referred to as "Coach Davis" among his former athletes, friends, and colleagues.

While Mr. Davis is remembered for his athletic legacy, community service, and leadership within the civil rights movement, he is equally known for the loving partnership he had with his wife, Mrs. Nettie Davis. A trailblazer herself, Mrs. Davis was the first African-American woman elected to serve on the Tupelo City Council. Together, the couple fought for a better, more unified city. As a resident of the Tupelo area, my family has directly benefited from their hard work and drive to improve our community. I am honored to have known Mr. Davis and call him a friend. As we remember his remarkable life, I want to extend my deepest condolences to Mr. Davis's family and friends.

IN HONOR OF EDDY RAE'LAURIN GATES

**HON. RENEE L. ELLMERS**

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 7, 2016*

Mrs. ELLMERS of North Carolina. Mr. Speaker, today I rise seeking to honor the life of Eddy Rae'Laurin Gates, who passed away on June 2, 2016 in Fort Hood, Texas at the age of 20.

Ms. Gates was a passionate defender of our nation, and died serving our citizens in the tragic flood at Fort Hood, Texas. A recent graduate of Triton High School in Dunn, North Carolina, Ms. Gates eagerly joined the Army in December 2015 and was excited for her assignment to Fort Hood in May. Her dedication to serving her community was apparent in her roles as Homecoming Queen, youth leader at Kingdom Impact Global Ministries, and as a frequent volunteer with the Junior ROTC drill team at Triton High. Members of the community including her family, Triton High School principal, and ROTC Major Steve Jones, serve as witnesses to the impact she made in the lives of others.

Rae'Laurin, a beloved neighbor and family friend, is survived by her parents, Marlene J. Strongs (Benjamin) and Deacon Eddie R. Gates; siblings Darryl L. Snipe, Anstrice Epps, Quinn Williams, Dominique Robinson, Traci Strongs, and Deja R. Shaw; grandparents, Eddie and Willie Faye Gates, Ernest and Jean Carter, and Joyce Strongs. A celebration of Ms. Gate's life was held in Dunn, North Carolina, at the Veterans Park on June 7, 2016, to commemorate our hometown hero.

Rae'Laurin, like so many of our military members, made the ultimate sacrifice for her country: giving her life for the safety of others. This tragic event at Fort Hood not only impacted the Gates family, but also many others across the nation, and serves as a reminder of the sacrifices made by members of the military, both abroad and at home. Ms. Gates'